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SUBJ: STANKI II

1. JACK CONNOR, VP NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, VISITED US COMMERICAL OFFICER OCTOBER 15-16 WHILE IN SOVIET UNION ATTENDING UNIDO CONFERENCE.

2. CONNOR ADVISED DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NMTBA'S DESIRE TO MOUNT ANOTHER MACHINE TOOL SOLO EXHIBITION N SPRING OR FALL CY 77. CONNOR REQUESTED COMMERCIAL OFFICE OBTAIN STATEMENT FROM SOVIET EXHIBITION OFFICIAL ENDORSING STANKI II IN ORDER MAKE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AT NMTBA BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 13.

3. EMBASSY AWARE THAT NMTBA HAS APPROACHED USDOC ON FEASIBILITY STANKI II. EMBASSY CONFIDENT THAT CHAMBER WOULD ENDORSE EXHIBITION. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DIRECTOR, USCOMMOFF WRITE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EXHIBITION (OGANESYAN) INDICATING THAT NMTBA HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN STANKI II. LETTER WOULD NOT COMMIT USG TO SPONSOR BUT WOULD ASK FOR OPINION FROM SOVIET SPECIALISTS AS TO INTEREST IN HOLDING STANKI II, TIMING, ETC. IT IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, THAT WRITTEN RESPONSE COULD BE OBTAINED BEFORE NOVEMBER 10 AS NMTBA HAS ASKED.

4. QUESTION OF SIZE AND SITE WILL BE OF CONCERN TO CHAMBER. CONNOR WANTS SOMETHING LARGER THAN STANKI I. HE ALSO WANTS TO INCLUDE TOOL AND DIE INDUSTRIES. AT PRESENT, SOKOLNIKI PARK DOES NOT HAVE SINGLE FLOOR PAVILION LARGER THAN 4,000

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METERS SQ. HOPEFULLY, NEW EXHIBITION COMPLEX WILL BE

OPERATIONAL BY SUMMER 76 AND COULD ACCOMMODATE STANKI II.

5. UNLESS USDOC OBJECTS EMBASSY WILL PROCEED AS OUTLINED IN
PARA 3 ABOVE.

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